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FOR ASST. SECRETARY SHLAUDEMANN FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OGEN (GERARD, SUMNER) JM

SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS IN DEPT AND ANNUAL LEAVE FOR AMBASSADOR

1. I HAVE BEEN PLANNING FOR SOME WEEKS TO JOIN MY WIFE IN WESTERN EUROPE FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS ANNUAL LEAVE COMMENCING OCTOBER 4 IN TIME TO CATCH FLIGHT FOR ATHENS OUT OF NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 5. THIS WOULD BE FIRST EXTENDED LEAVE SINCE MY ARRIVAL AT POST ON MAY 31, 1974.

2. GIVEN RECENT EVENTS HERE I AM CONVINCED THAT NOT ONLY ARE MY LEAVE PLANS STILL FEASIBLE BUT IN FACT AN ABSENCE ON MY PART IS DESIRABLE. THE AGEE AFFAIR IS PROBABLY NOT OVER, AND THERE MAY BE REPERCUSSIONS GIVEN THE OBVIOUS MANIPULATION OF THAT VISIT BY MANLEY AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE GOJ. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD LIE LOW AND PROCEED WITH BUSINESS AS USUAL UNTIL FURTHER EVENTS REQUIRE REACTION, THOUGH I DO NOT NOW ANTICIPATE MUCH HAPPENING BEFORE NOVEMBER. I AM, OF COURSE, WILLING, IF DEPT SO DESIRES, TO DEPART KINGSTON EARLIER THAN INITIALLY PLANNED IN ORDER TO BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 4 AND OR, IF THOUGHT REALLY NECESSARY, OCTOBER 1 (AND 2 IF KEY PEOPLE WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN DEPT ON SATURDAY).

3. IF CONSULTATIONS WERE TO BE LINKED TO MY LEAVE, WE WOULD QUIETLY MAKE CERTAIN GOJ AWARE I AM BEING CALLED TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS. THE FACT
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THAT I WOULD BE ON A PRE-PLANNED ANNUAL LEAVE TRIP

AFTER CONSULTATIONS NEED NOT BE ADVERTISED; LENGTH
AND PURPOSE OF MY ABSENCE COULD BE LEFT DELIBERATELY
VAGUE.

4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST SO THAT I MAY MAKE NECESSARY
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.
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